



WINTER PET SAFETY TIPS

Winter weather brings special concerns for our outdoor furry friends. Colorado weather can change drastically in a short amount of time and temperatures can vary from day to day. Some of the following suggestions will help to ensure that our pets are safe and comfortable during the winter months.

- If possible keep pets inside during cold weather.
- Provide adequate shelter. The appropriate sized dog house is important, providing a small cozy space increases the heat retention for your pet.
- Adding insulation to the dog house will help keep it cool in the summer and warm in the winter.
- Hay or straw nested inside the dog house will supply a dry warm place.
- Place a piece of carpet in front of the dog house door to keep the wind out.
- Make sure that water sources do not freeze. Heated water bowls are available at local pet stores.
- Increase the food source for extra energy needed to stay warm.
- Know your neighbors so that they can take care of your animals if the weather changes and you are unable to get home.
- When coming in from the outside take the time to wipe your pet's paws, legs and stomach to remove the residue of snow and ice melt. Avoid allowing your pet to drink standing water on the streets and sidewalks when possible.



Keep in mind that the Colorado sun produces intense heat all year round, and may raise the temperature inside of a vehicle to dangerous levels. Please leave your pets at home on sunny days year round.

For additional information contact Broomfield Police Animal Control at 303-438-6400.

